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Note to editors: The media is invited to attend the School of Strategic Leadership's first class on Saturday, January 8 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It will be in the Mezzanine classroom of the Stratton Building on Eastern Kentucky University's campus.

DOCJT SELECTS FIRST CLASS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL OF STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Fifteen law enforcement executives from across the state begin the course on Saturday, January 8

RICHMOND, KY - The Department of Criminal Justice Training has selected 15 law enforcement executives from across the state to become the inaugural class of the School of Strategic Leadership, the agency's challenging, new leadership course that brings together training and higher education.

The School of Strategic Leadership is aimed at the top level of law enforcement leadership in the state. It consists of five college courses, taught by Eastern Kentucky University professors, during a three-semester period. There is also a capstone event that will link the courses together in a problem-solving project.

"The SSL curriculum is uniquely designed to enhance the law enforcement executive's ability to develop into a community leader, rather than just a police leader," said J. R. Brown, supervisor of the Leadership Development Section.

Students will take two courses in the spring (Advanced Criminal Justice Studies; Organizational Change and Development), one Internet course in the summer (Analysis of Police Operations) and two courses in the fall (Community and Regional Planning; Police and Society.) The first class begins Saturday, January 8.

"This course is not only a best-practice approach, but also a smart-practice approach to bridging the gap between training and education," DOCJT Commissioner John W. Bizzack said. "In the past we have focused on the skill level needed to be a good officer. In this course we are taking the highest level of law enforcement leadership in the state, who have had years of basic and advanced training, and we are working on their education and conceptual skills, which is a new arena in law enforcement training."



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Students will attend classes on five weekends during both the spring and fall semesters. The summer course will be conducted via the Internet. Students will receive 15 college- or graduate-level hours for completing the program. ECU is developing a completion strategy for the graduate students in the program to help them complete their degrees.

School of Strategic Leadership students and their agencies are:

Lt. William Lee Armstrong, Campbell County Police Department
Chief Dwayne Brumley, Berea Police Department
Chief Joseph S. Cline, Morehead State University Police Department
Chief William D. Cole, Bellevue Police Department
Chief William C. Crider, Dawson Springs Police Department
Maj. Troy S. Dye, Elizabethtown Police Department
Lt. Kathy Eigelbach, St. Matthews Police Department
Investigator Thomas "Randy" Fawns, Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
Maj. Jeffery A. Hancock, Kentucky State Police, Columbia Post
Lt. Steven E. Howard, Morehead Police Department
Capt. William Todd Kelley, Ashland Police Department
Chief Deputy William David Maddox, Marshall County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Col. J. David Nichols, Independence Police Department
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